

## Danger of Following too Close Explored in Insurance Article

There is a traffic law on the statute books that, if obeyed, could cut drastically the No. 1 cause of deaths and injuries on freeways and turnpikes — ear-end accidents.

But the law—the one that forbids following too closely—is not obeyed and police have been unable to find a way to enforce it.

**THE UNIFORM** Motor Vehicle Code says that motorists should keep between-car distances that are "reasonable and prudent, having due regard for speed . . . and the traffic upon and the conditions of the highway."

"As translated in most states this means at least one car length (15 feet) for every 10 miles an hour of speed. Some safety experts, though, in view of today's speeds and congestion, recommend even greater intervals: A length and a half for each 10 miles an hour until your speed exceeds 20; three car lengths per 10 miles an hour up to a speed of 60; and at 70, total of 32 car lengths," say an article in

the Allstate Insurance publication, "Home & Highway."

**THE ARTICLE** quotes James Stannard Baker, director of Research and Development for the Northwestern University Traffic Institute, as authority for the statement that these intervals are "almost never" enforced, except by arrests made after collisions.

"Police, frankly, lack a practical way of enforcing them," said Baker.

"What probably will be required," he added, "is some mechanism on the order of that now used to check speeds. Meantime, we also need to study the problem in considerable depth from other angles."

**EVEN SO**, it's squarely up to the motorist to adjust his driving so he has plenty of room to stop. To help him solve the rear-end accident problem, the article offers the following driving tips, gathered from experts on the subject:

—Know your stopping distances under varying conditions. Edward R. Klamm, accident prevention director for

the Allstate Insurance Companies, points out, for example, that you need twice as much stopping space when pavement is wet.

—Know where you are in relation to traffic at all times; avoid getting into traffic packs.

—USE HAND signals freely

in dense traffic; relay signals of those ahead to those behind. Signal continuously well in advance of a maneuver; a quarter-mile on high-speed roadways.

—When stopping, flash your stoplights by pumping brakes; if pulling over, get completely off the roadway and wait for help.

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Dancing will begin at 8 p.m. with the Continentals providing the music. It is scheduled to continue until 1 a.m.

Donations of \$1 are being asked those attending to help defray league expenses.

### Ryan Delivers New Firebee

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